



**United States  
Service Academies  
Application For Nomination**

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**Congressman Chris Bell  
25<sup>th</sup> District of Texas**

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## Application Instructions

1. Candidates applying to U.S. service academies must meet the following requirements for nomination:
  - a. Age: 17 – 23
  - b. U.S. citizen
  - c. Not married, pregnant or have legal obligations to support a child
  - d. Resident of the 25<sup>th</sup> district of Texas
2. The application deadline is **November 1**. It is not necessary to send all required information at once. Please submit your applications even if transcripts or test scores are not immediately available. Formal candidacy will be established upon receipt of the completed application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all required items are **received** by 5:00 PM. Applications submitted on the day of the deadline must be brought to our office in person (not by proxy or messenger), must be time stamped, and a receipt must be issued. Completed applications contain the following:
  - a. The attached application for nomination
  - b. Official high school transcript providing evidence of GPA and class rank
  - c. Three letters of recommendation: one from a teacher, one from a community leader or representative, and one from the person of your choice. Each person providing a letter of recommendation should place the letter in a sealed envelope and sign their name across the seal. Recommendation letters may be submitted with the application or mailed separately. Letters must be received by November 1.
3. In addition to submitting a complete application, a candidate must also:
  - a. Apply for admission to one or more service academies by November 1.
  - b. Have a minimum SAT score of 1050 or ACT score of 22, submitted to our office by the testing agency before November 1.
  - c. Receive an interview with the Academies Selections Board. If you do not receive a letter informing you of the time and location of your interview by December 1, please contact the district office at (713) 383-8600.
4. Do not include attachments or additional information in the application. Attachments will not be reviewed. You may include a formal resume.
5. Please print legibly and submit your application to:

**Office of Congressman Chris Bell**

Attn: Academy Nomination Coordinator  
7707 Fannin, Suite 203  
Houston, TX 77054

Office: (713) 383-8600

Fax: (713) 797-1905

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**2003 – 2004 Time line**

May 1, 2003 – November 1, 2003	Applications accepted
November 1, 2003	5:00 PM Deadline for applications
November 14, 2003	Candidates notified of their interview time
December 13, 2003	Candidate interviews
	8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
	Location to be determined
	Candidate reception with Congressman Bell
	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM (subject to change)
	Location to be determined
January 19, 2004	Applicants notified of nominations

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**2003 SAT Dates**

June 7, 2003  
October 11, 2003  
November 1, 2003  
December 6, 2003  
Congressman Bell's SAT code = 6963

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**2003 ACT Dates**

June 14, 2003  
September 27, 2003  
October 25, 2003  
December 13, 2003  
Congressman Bell's ACT code = 7706

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**U.S. Air Force Academy**

Admissions Office  
2304 Cadet Drive Suite 210  
Colorado Springs, CO 80840  
719-333-3070 or 800-443-9266  
[www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)

**U.S. Merchant Marine Academy**

Admissions Office  
300 Steamboat Rd  
Kings Point, NY 11024-1699  
866-546-4778 or 516-773-5391  
[www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

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**U.S. Military Academy**

Admissions Office  
606 Thayer Road  
West Point, NY 10996-1797  
845-938-4041  
[www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)

**U.S. Naval Academy**

Admissions Office  
117 Decatur Road  
Annapolis, MD 21402-9156  
410-293-4361  
[www.nadn.navy.mil](http://www.nadn.navy.mil)

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**Congressman Chris Bell**  
**25<sup>th</sup> District of Texas**  
**U.S. Service Academies – Application for Nomination**

**Legal Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Social Security Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male:** \_\_\_\_ **Female:** \_\_\_\_

**Name(s) of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Relation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Present Mailing Address:**

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Alternate Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Permanent Mailing Address (if different from above):**

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Alternate Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Letters of Recommendation provided by:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Academic Information**

Date

Class Rank

Class Size

GPA

\_\_\_\_\_

**Standardized Test Information**

Date

Test (SAT/ACT)

Score

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Academy preference (Please rank in order of preference: 1, 2, 3, 4):**

\_\_\_\_ Air Force Academy      \_\_\_\_ Merchant Marine Academy  
\_\_\_\_ U.S. Military Academy      \_\_\_\_ Naval Academy

**2. Date you opened an admission file:**

\_\_\_\_ Air Force Academy      \_\_\_\_ Merchant Marine Academy  
\_\_\_\_ U.S. Military Academy      \_\_\_\_ Naval Academy

**3. I am also seeking a nomination through:**

\_\_\_\_ President\*      \_\_\_\_ Senator Cornyn  
\_\_\_\_ Vice President      \_\_\_\_ Senator Hutchinson

*\*Presidential nominations only apply to applicants who have a parent currently on active military duty or a parent retired from active duty.*

**4. Please indicate your academic status as of November 1.**

\_\_\_\_ (a) High school senior      \_\_\_\_ (d) College (any classification)  
\_\_\_\_ (b) Attending an academy prep school      \_\_\_\_ (e) Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ (c) College (any classification) attending on a civil prep scholarship

**5. If your answer to question four is other than (a), please list the institution you are attending.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a member of the armed forces (ROTC, National Guard, Reserves, Active Duty)?**      \_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No

**Are you a member of a seven-day-a-week cadet corps program?**  
\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_ No

*For questions six through ten, please provide a typed and numbered response. Please limit your answers to the questions asked and to half of a page each. At the top right corner of each page, please include your name and social security number. Only include information beginning your freshman year in high school.*

- 6. Employment History:** Please include dates employed, the employer, number of hours per week, your position, and a description of job responsibilities.
- 7. Athletic Organizations:** Please include the sport, the grade level, and any leadership positions held.
- 8. Academic / Student Organizations:** Please include the organization name, a description of the organization, the grade level, and any leadership positions or awards you received.
- 9. Awards / Honors / Scholarships:** List three awards, honors, or scholarships that most exemplify your commitment to excellence. Please include the name of the award, the year received, the presenting organization, and the award criteria.
- 10. Community Service:** Please include the name of the organization, the time frame, and a brief description of the organization and your involvement.

*Congressman Bell would now like to hear from you in your own words.*

- 11. In what ways have you exhibited leadership in your community?** This essay should be one page typed and double-spaced.
- 12. “Why I should be selected for nomination to a U.S. service academy?”** This essay should be two pages typed and double-spaced.

**Please read before signing:** I certify that I am a resident of the 25<sup>th</sup> congressional district of Texas. I also understand that if I have not submitted **ALL** the necessary material and/or do not have an **OPEN** admissions file with an academy by **NOVEMBER 1**, I will **NOT** be given consideration for a nomination.

**PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 STATEMENT:** Congressman Chris Bell, please monitor my progress in seeking an appointment to the academy. I hereby give my consent to the academy to divulge any information from my records for this purpose.

**PRINTED NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_